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SUBJECT: (U) National Intelligence Survey Program

TO:

Director Defense Intelligence Agency Washington 25, D.C. 20301

Review of this document by CIA has determined that

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(U) / Reference DIA letter, S-1257/AP-1M, subject: "(U) National Intelligence Survey Program", dated 27 March 1964.

- The General Survey fulfills our need for a basic reference study of the area. We do not believe that it is sufficiently detailed to serve as the only NIS unit of coverage for the Latin American countries. Many of the basic studies in the NIS series have never been produced or are outdated. It is a valuable supplement to the entire Because of the rapidly changing conditions in NIS series. Latin America, this document should be revised more frequently than every three years. The Political and Economic Sections are especially subject to change. USSOUTHCOM would like to see a revision to The General Survey published annually.
- The General Survey on Panama is particularly valuable to us at this time as the few published units of the NIS on this country are all outdated. Section 8, Armed Forces is considered inadequate for the following reasons:
  - The information provided is very sketchy.
- The basic NIS Chapter 8 on Panama has never been published.

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- c. It does not reflect the current status of the force to include organization, development, size of force, status of training, and operational effectiveness.
- d. While the Armed Force of Panama is relatively small, it is an extremely important factor in any intelligence study on this country.

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